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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6524

BILL NUMBER: HB 1092

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Inspector General.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goodin

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Inspector General, not more than 30 days after receiving a complaint, to notify the person who filed the complaint of whether the Inspector General intends to take further official action in response to the complaint. It provides that if the Inspector General notifies the person that the Inspector General does not intend to take further official action, the Inspector General is required to set forth in the notice the rationale for taking no further official action.

The bill also provides that if the Inspector General notifies the person that the Inspector General intends to take further official action, the Inspector General, at the conclusion of the official action, is required to notify the person of the results of the official action.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary* - The Office of the Inspector General may need to hire an additional full-time employee to fulfill the bill's provisions. The base salary for the employee could be about \$40,000, which would make the total expense about \$60,000 when factoring in fringe benefits and indirect costs. This bill requires that notification be provided to complainants within 30 days of complaints about whether official action will be taken or not. If further action will not be taken, the bill requires the Inspector General to provide a rationale.

Background Information - In some cases, the Inspector General does communicate with complainants regarding the status of complaints as long as it does not jeopardize investigations. Also, the Inspector General

issues reports summarizing investigations if the State Ethics Commission issues findings of violations of the Code of Ethics. There are approximately 300 investigation requests filed with the Inspector General annually. In 2011, the majority of cases investigated were reported by state agencies.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Inspector General; State Ethics Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Office of the Inspector General, *2011 Annual Report*, <http://www.in.gov/ig/2329.htm>; David Thomas, Inspector General, 317-232-3850.

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